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TO: EXAMINER SAMUEL A. GEBREMARIAM (ART UNIT 2811)

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**FROM PAUL J. DITMYER, ESO.**

**DATE:** December 23, 2005

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**COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS:**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL RESPONSIVE TO  
EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 24, 2005 FOR APPLICATION SERIAL  
NO. 10/701,165.

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Case No. 02GR09854488

**MS AMENDMENT  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
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In re Application of: **MORIN ET AL.**Serial No.: **10/701,165**Confirmation No.: **5541**Filed: **November 4, 2003**For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH MOS TRANSISTORS WITH AN  
ETCH-STOP LAYER HAVING AN IMPROVED RESIDUAL STRESS  
LEVEL AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING SUCH A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 Applicant qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR § 1.27. No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

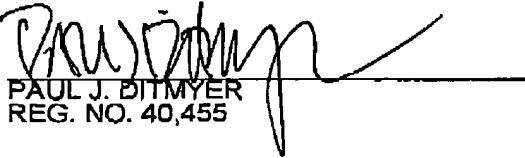
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TOTAL CLAIMS	27	27	0	X25	\$	X50	\$
INDEPT CLAIMS	3	3	0	X100	\$	X200	\$
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Account No. 01-0484.**
- PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO ATTORNEY OF RECORD: CHRISTOPHER F. REGAN**
- Please associate this application with Customer No. 27975.

December 23, 2005  
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